"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

John 11:25

Easter is our celebration of Christ's victory over death. It is the enduring festival of triumph over the worst that evil can do. Pain and suffering changed to joy and freedom; death turned into life; God triumphant over the devil - that is the message of Easter.

And in these End Times, as this world goes to its death, the message of Easter is especially relevant. For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we see foreshadowed the death and resurrection of the world.

The End is inevitable, for it is the will of God. But the End is also the New Beginning. In winter the plants die; and in the spring they are reborn. Our mortal bodies die, which is an End for us. But it is also a new beginning, when we return to God the Father. So also for the world as a whole there comes a time of death. But that death is good and merciful, for it is the end of all that is not of God: the End of pain and separation, and the beginning of Christ's reign on earth.

Rev. John Christopher

SPECIAL LORD'S DAY CELEBRATIONS DURING APRIL

Easter Sunday, April 6th, 1PM. A Celebration of Rebirth. After the Celebration there will be a children's Easter egg hunt in the grounds of our center. All children (including big children!) welcome at 1PM.

Sunday, April 13th, 1PM. A Celebration of Forgiveness.
Sunday, April 20th, 1PM. A Celebration of Inner Healing.
Sunday, April 27th, 1PM. A Celebration of Deliverance.

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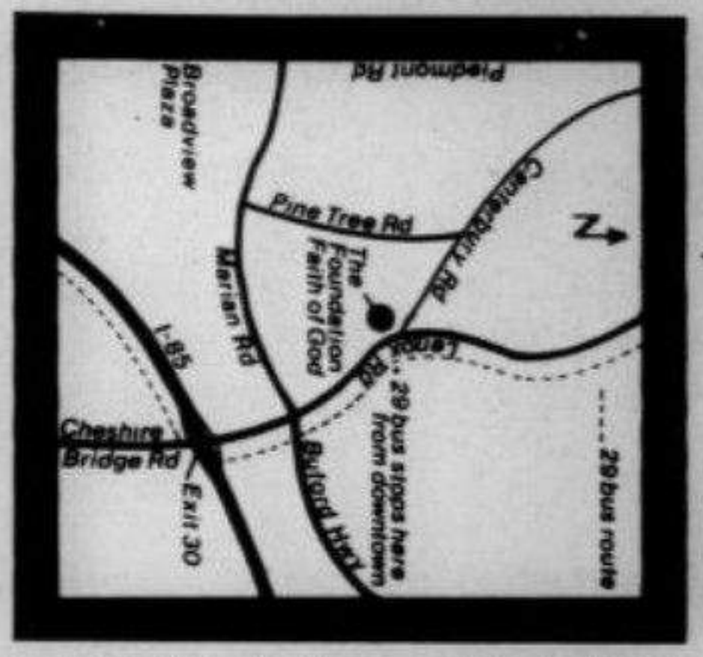

NEWSLETTER OF THE ATLANTA FOUNDATION

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". . . I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

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God bless you,

Springtime and the wonder and the beauty of the natural kingdom coming to life again after winter. For the kingdom of the Spirit it is time to celebrate Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death in the resurrection, and through that the gateway to that kingdom which Jesus opened for us: the opportunity for our own rebirth and immortality.

Who does not want to know God's life coursing through him and the infinite hope of unlimited horizons in His world, even though many of us may be often unaware of that yearning buried deep down within us.

The prince of this world rules a world of spiritual death that one day soon will turn upon its back and give up even the semblance of life to which it clings. The Apostle, John, tells us:

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

1 John 2:15

It is a fact that Jesus opened the gateway to heaven. It is a fact that until we are reborn we exist in the world of the spiritually dead. And it is also a fact that the most powerful prayer we can offer for our own rebirth lies in the recognition of the true state of this world and our own part within it insofar as we love it and are identified with it and its aims and objectives. That recognition requires a courage that Jesus can give us.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24

This month our Easter Sunday Celebration and our listed special events are all focused on rebirth. Come and share with us, for there is work to be done and battles to be won in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

Raphael

Rev. Raphael de Peyer, Director

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MEDIA NOTES

"Sunrise Sermonettes," taped by Rev. John Christopher for WSB-TV, were broadcast during the first week in March. Copies of the texts are available. Please write Rev. Christopher.

WAGA-TV invited us to tape a new piece for their program, "Reflections," featuring Rev. Raphael de Peyer. Please check with Channel 5 for broadcast times.

As we go to press a show is in preparation on the prison ministry with Rev. John Christopher and Rev. Rhea Benedicte, to be broadcast on WKLS-AM and FM.

THE MINISTRY IN BIRMINGHAM

Our monthly visit with you in Birmingham is scheduled for April 11-15. The Lord is guiding a full program.

Saturday, April 12th will see an all-day workshop on the Gifts of Healing, 11AM-6PM.

A Bible Study is scheduled for 11:30AM on Sunday, April 13th, to be followed at 1PM by our regular healing service. All these events will be held at the Holiday Inn near Eastwood Mall, Room 405.

Our thanks to radio stations WDJC and WLPH for inviting us to be their broadcast guests and to Mary Jo Peterson of WBMG-TV's program, "Focus," for inviting us to tape again during April.

Our very special thanks this month to Tom Miller and Wilbur Harris for organizing Circle of Power Prayer Fellowship gatherings. These meetings are for both members and non-members and are devoted to prayer for those who need the Lord's healing touch. We ask you to lift up their work to the Lord, and to add your own prayer power in person to the meetings. Please call Tom Miller, (205) 324-7409, for details.

Wilbur is organizing the Bible Study classes, which will be conducted by Rev. Raphael de Peyer, on the Sunday of our monthly visit. Please call Wilbur Harris, (205) 956-0511, if you would like to attend.

THANK YOU

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the very many individuals and businesses without whose support our work would not be possible. This newsletter that you are reading, the paper, the printing, and a large part of the typesetting are an example of this wonderful support. To name you all would take up the better part of this column. However, you know who you are, and more importantly the Lord does! We thank you, and give thanks to God for you. In Jesus name, may you all be truly blessed and prosper.

A MESSAGE TO . . .

any housewives, or persons currently unemployed with time on your hands. There are always things to be done at The Foundation Faith center. No experience necessary! . . . .Do you live in an apartment and feel that longing as spring arrives to be out in the garden? There's plenty of clearing and planting to be done to beautify the Lord's center. Have you always secretly felt that you have unused talents waiting to be discovered? Wait no longer! . . . .all skills, abilities, talents, and spare time are usable for God's service.

CHRISTIAN LENDING LIBRARY

The Lord is guiding us to start a Christian Lending Library, to help to spread knowledge of the Lord, and His glory. If you have any books at home that you have read, and would like to pass on to others, please bring them by or drop them in the mail.

JESUS BRINGS LIFE

Christians very often put more emphasis on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the cross than on His glorious resurrection. For all of us He conquered death, He conquered the power of Satan and gave us the very real hope of eternal life. Yes, His death has meaning for us in that He took our sins. But His resurrection means Life for us. We are now enabled not only to have life, "but to have it more abundantly." He gave us, He showed us, He demonstrated for us that, through Him we too can conquer the powers of darkness, the evil of Satan, in this world. He gave us the key to Life, to be able to conquer negativity in this world.

Rev. Rhea Benedicte

Poem from Prison

Below we are delighted to publish a poem on being born again by "Gypsy," one of the attenders of 'The Path of Life' workshop the Lord guides us to conduct on Monday evenings at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

"BE WITH YOU . . ."

Lord, I was weary
in body and mind,
From searching for happiness
that I could not find.
I tried drugs and liquor
and other things too,
Now I've found real happiness
in just loving You.
I have just become a Christian
You have wiped out my sin,
You are in my heart now
and will be till the end.
Thank you Lord, for caring
and may we never part,
For I want You always in my life
and Your love in my heart.
I now believe in something
other than myself,
But, I'm just a baby Christian Lord
and I still need your help.
So Jesus, keep on teaching me
the things that I must do,
To lead a better life on earth
and to someday, "Be with You . . ."

Gypsy

We would like to thank Logos Books Prison Ministry for sending us a large package of Christian books for the inmates. Praise the Lord.

GOD IS CALLING HIS OWN AGAIN

Have you heard God calling you to His service? Do you wish to be part of His kingdom? Do you want to channel His love to those who desperately need it? Come and be part of The Foundation Faith of God, either through a volunteer program, the Circle of Power Prayer Fellowship, or by becoming a Disciple, or all three!

CALENDAR

REGULAR EVENTS

SUNDAY, 1-2PM. THE LORD'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our weekly worship service, including healing, and fellowship.

SUNDAY, 2-5PM. HEALING PRAYERS

A time set aside each week for individual prayer and counseling with a minister. No prior appointment is necessary, but we do recommend that you attend the service beforehand.

MONDAY, 6:30-8:30PM. THE PATH OF LIFE (At the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary)

The implementation of Christ's teachings to the area of inter-personal relationships and communication.

TUESDAY, NOON-1:15PM. BIBLE STUDY (At Suite A-215, 1401 W. Paces Ferry)

WEDNESDAY, 7:30-9:30PM. SPIRITUAL COUNSELING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, 7:30-8:30PM. THE CIRCLE OF POWER

The weekly prayer group for members of this Fellowship. Non-members also welcome. Prayers for the sick and troubled.

THURSDAY, 8:30-9:30PM. BIBLE STUDY

Each week we look at a particular subject that effects the lives of all of us.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 11 AM-6PM. THE PATH OF TRUTH.

An all-day experiential workshop designed to help the attender understand the true nature of rebirth in Jesus. Includes a snack lunch. With Rev. Rhea Benedicte.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 11AM-6PM. THE GIFTS OF HEALING.

An all-day workshop examining the many ways in which the Lord's gifts of healing are channeled and how you are a channel for healing. Includes snack lunch. With Rev. Raphael de Peyer and Rev. Jana Bernadette.

FREE LITERATURE

I would like to receive free literature, and have checked the boxes below to show which ones I would like you to send me.

- ☐ THE SECOND COMING
- ☐ GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ☐ JESUS LOVES YOU, SATAN HATES YOU
- ☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH SYMBOL
- ☐ LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD. An introduction to The Foundation Faith of God in Atlanta.
- ☐ SPIRITUAL CONSULTATIONS
- ☐ THE CIRCLE OF POWER-A PRAYER FELLOWSHIP FOR THE SECOND COMING
- ☐ SEVEN SERMONETTES. As originally broadcast on WSB-TV, "Sunrise Sermonettes."
- ☐ FAITH, HOPE & HEALING. Reprinted from "Creative Loafing."
- ☐ WELCOME HOME. One man's search for meaning.
- ☐ STATEMENT OF FAITH

UPCOMING CLASSES

I am interested in registering for the following classes. Please contact me with details.

- ☐ THE PATH OF TRUTH
- ☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING

PROJECTS

I am interested in the following. Please contact me with details.

- ☐ Having someone speak at my group/organization.
- ☐ Prison/Hospital/Nursing Home visits.
- ☐ Volunteering at the Center
- ☐ Forming a prayer group in my home/city/neighborhood.

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